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Greetings,

As a data processing professional who has been in the field for over 30 years, I maintain that these charges should have never been brought against Microsoft. Their success is due to the quality of their products, and companies who could not meet their excellence, such as Sun Microsystems, and especially Oracle, have spent great sums of money to harm Microsoft.

I dare say that if Oracle or Sun had their e-mail exposed the way that Microsoft did, the Microsoft "evidence" would look comparatively timid.

The only purpose that damages against Microsoft can possibly serve is to raise the prices of their excellent software, and their integration methods, which are much like those in use by IBM and Sun Microsystems.

Your actions could set our endeavors back, as well as every other company in the United States, and cost us a great deal of money over time.

Please do not harm Microsoft. Please do not punish them for being the best of breed.

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